

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please add the following text before page 1, line 1 and after the title:

Background of the Invention

1. Technical Field

Please add the following text after page __, line __:

2. Related Art

Please add the following text after page __, line __:

Summary of the Invention

Please add the following text after page __, line __:

Brief Description of the Drawings

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Detailed Description of the Invention

Please add the following text on the line after "CLAIMS:" and prior to claim 1, on page

What is claimed is:--

On page 7, please amend the abstract as follows:

A device according to the invention, for reading and/or writing information from
from/onto an optical information carrier (1), the device comprising ~~comprises read means~~ (2)
including an imager means (21, 22, 23) for imaging a radiation beam (24) ~~so as to form a~~ into
scanning spot (11) ~~with which to scan~~ the information carrier, (1) is scanned and including
~~detection means (26) a detector~~ for generating a read signal (S_{L3}) ~~which is indicative of the~~

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intensity of the radiation reflected from the information carrier (1) at the location of the scanning spot (11). The device has an information transfer mode, wherein in which the scanning spot (11) is moved in a first direction (R1) with respect to the information carrier (1). The device further has a displacement mode, wherein in which the scanning spot (11) is moved in a second direction (R2) transverse to the first direction (R1). The device includes a controller control means (40; 41) for controlling the imager imaging means (21, 22, 23) in response to a measurement signal (FE) which is indicative of the degree of focusing of the radiation beam (24) at the location of the scanning spot (11). The control means controller samples and holds include sample and hold means (40) for sampling and holding the measurement signal (FE) in response to a sample signal (S_{CTRL}). According to the invention the device is characterized in that the sample signal (S_{CTRL}) causing causes the measurement signal (FE) to be sampled when the said intensity is comparatively high. This measure reduces radial to vertical thus reducing radial-to-vertical crosstalk.

In the Drawings

NC Please revise the drawings in accordance with the Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections attached hereto. In the drawings, Figure 1 has been amended for clarification by the addition of labels to the blocks (40, 41, 43, 45, 46, 47, 50, 60, 63, and 70).